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### MONEY IN MEAT—IN FLORIDA.

The following very potent statement from the last annual report of the Secretary of Agriculture, should be thoughtfully considered by every general farmer in Florida:

"In the production of corn during the last 15 years there has been no substantial advance. In cattle, sheep and hogs there has been an absolute decline—in cattle, from the census year of 1899 to 1909, of from 50,000,000 head to 41,000,000; in sheep of from 61,000,000 to 51,000,000; in hogs of from 63,000,000 to 58,000,000.

"Since 1909 the tendency has been downward, and yet since 1899 the population has increased over 20,000,000."

This decline in the supply of meat was an American problem up to last summer, when half the civilized world plunged into its greatest war, and now the meat problem has become an international one. Countries cannot fight and grow food at the same time. The prices of meat and other staples must soar higher and higher. It will pay to raise corn, forage crops and cattle and hogs in Florida. These are staples.

The director of farm experiment work in the Department of Agriculture at Washington recently told Mr. Moses Folsom, former secretary of the Palatka board of trade, that his "observation was that the most successful farmers in the country were those engaged in raising corn and meat."

Who will say that it is not possible to do both in Florida at a less cost than in the north where cold hails production for several months in the year, as compared with Florida where something can be grown in every month?

Looked at from every angle there is money in live stock—money for dairy products, money for meat, hides and bones, money for the natural increase and money for the next year's crop, when every particle of manure is saved and properly applied to the land. The land—our richer soil—is not mere dead matter, subject to any sort of treatment. The soil is very much alive, but it can be killed or impoverished to sterility.

In the last analysis every form of human activity runs back to the bounty of the land by which every servant, skilled or unskilled, must be fed, clothed, and by which his wages are finally paid.

It is admitted that the soil in the country north of the Potomac and Ohio rivers is richer than in Florida and the Gulf states, but this is offset here by milder climate, longer growing seasons, and a more abundant water supply from the clouds and from under ground. Poor soils can be made rich, and the fertility of rich soils can be maintained. Here is the opportunity of Florida: Improve the soil by growing nitrogen-bearing crops—peas, beans and grasses—and live stock.

Numerous experiments in feeding stock in the north have established the fact that crops fed as grain or hay roughage lose about 85 per cent of their nutritive elements, as against 10 per cent when fed as silage. Corn fodder, vetch, peas, beans and other forage can be grown in abundance in Florida. The moral is obvious. When Florida gets down to brass tacks it will become a great agricultural state and wonderfully prosperous.

Secretary Lansing is really a better looking man than ex-Secretary Bryan, but he isn't the same.

"Stating something" from the United States intended for Mexico means that the Mexicans won't get hurt at all.

Gov. Stanton's wife is said to be the richest woman in Georgia, and she has a small mine in her husband, what it comes to true matrimony.

A Live Oak cigar manufacturer claims that Leo Frank has endorsed his cigar. This ought to make him burn well in Atlanta.

"It is natural to expect," says the Pensacola News, "that the Germans will fight like fury to keep Limburg." But not like they would if Limburg was menaced.

The Florida Times-Union is still running short excerpts from the State press under the same heading—"Bouquets and Brickbats for Busy Jacksonville"—that is used a year or more ago when the old town was guilty of doing some business.

Now that George Mason has pulled his coat and gone to work on the job, we might just as well begin advertising the State Fair in Jacksonville. Mason will get the money, or anything else he goes after.

Senator Bryan doesn't appear to take kindly to the announcement from Gov. Trammell that he would be in the race for the governorship. He looks upon the governor somewhat as a "destiny" that shapes his end.

The prediction comes from Berlin that Germany is really contemplating a conciliatory reply to the American note. Sure; and then the next thing will be a request from Berlin for a small loan.

Managing Editor Ed. Lambright of the Tampa Tribune has been mentioned for First district congressman. The Jacksonville State "discovered" him, and dozens of papers have seconded the motion. Why not? The only reason is that Lambright has a better job and a greater influence where he is.

The Florida Grower tells of a Kansas man who was cured of the morphine habit by eating oranges. Now that "dope fiends" are to have their source of supply cut off through Congressional enactment, it might be well to advertise this Kansas man's experience and thus stimulate the sale of the Florida orange. Respectfully submitted to the Florida Citrus Exchange.

Dade county will hold an election under the new local option compulsory education law passed by the recent legislature. The result will be watched with interest, though from this distance it appears certain of adoption by the wide-awake, progressive people of Miami and environs. Why not compel the "kids" to go to school up to a certain age? We compel 'em to do other things not nearly so conducive to usefulness in after life.

Miss Hudson, agent of the Girls' Gardening and Canning clubs of St. Johns county, has resigned and there is a wall of regret going up from all over the county because of the fact and the feeling that no one can be found who can quite fill her place. At the place she has made for herself in the esteem of the people. Miss Hudson is to be married on the 15th inst. The job really beats the work of any matrimonial agency we ever heard of.

A portion of the front page of the St. Cloud Tribune has been reproduced in miniature by the American Printer of New York as a sample of excellent printing, together with a complimentary comment. The American Printer is regarded as a good judge of printing, but if it had not already enjoyed that distinction, its selection of the St. Cloud Tribune as a sample of art, would have made it so. The Palatka News long ago said the same thing. A man may enjoy and be able to tell real art from a mere dash, and yet not be able to do the dash.

It now appears that the technicality by which it was stated that the Davis law would be placed in the discard was discovered and corrected some twenty days after the bill had passed the senate, and some ten days after it was signed by the governor, and therefore the opinion is given that the law will stand. The liquor interests of the State, however, can be relied on to test the validity of the law. Liquor men don't like their business interfered with by regulation any more than by prohibition.

Ernest Amos, for several years the efficient State auditor of Florida, has announced that he will be a candidate for comptroller to succeed H. W. V. Knott, who is going to be Florida's next governor, provided he can arrange the matter amicably with the people and the L. S. Barnes of Jacksonville. Mr. Amos is the logical candidate for the office he seeks. It is in line of promotion, and promotion is always due the faithful employee, whether he be in the employ of a firm or a bar corporation like the State of Florida.

The Tampa Tribune and the Tampa Times, respectively the morning and evening papers of Tampa, and respectively the best in their respective fields in several southern states, have been barking at each other for some little time, but these barks were only in the nature of a bluff. Tribune's big press got out of whack the other morning and couldn't run off the edition, so they went over to The Times office and asked the privilege of using the Times press. "Why, certainly," to be of course just help yourself; have a new beautiful morning; Tampa's coolest place in Florida in summer and warmest in winter. Sure, come again help yourself to any thing we got. Fact, ain't it, that the bark of an editor is all there is to it rarely ever bite.

If he is a stranger and wears side whiskers look for the "joker" before trusting.

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WHAT LEADING STATE EDITORS ARE SAYING.  
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**The Race For Senator—**  
Orlando Reporter-Star: The Palatka News believes that Governor Trammell will win in the race for senator. The News is a warm admirer of the governor and will give him its best support. The Lakeland Telegram also is in line for the governor. The Starke Telegraph recently announced for Nathan Bryan and the Ocala Star takes the position that the junior senator should have a second term. It is assumed that the Tampa papers will support Perry Wall. It is certain the Times will actively oppose Governor Trammell. The DeSoto county papers will probably fall in line for General Gilchrist. None of the candidates has announced his platform of principles and those newspapers that have thus early taken a stand have done so on personal or sectional grounds. The primary is nearly a year in the future and ample time will be had for the candidates to make their positions on public matters and for other developments to take place which might affect the standing of each. The opinion of some is that the governor's entry will insure the election of Senator Bryan by splitting the vote between the south Florida candidates. While there is a good chance for such a thing to occur there is no certainty that this prediction will be verified. The personal popularity of Governor Trammell is a factor to be considered, and the business and family connections of Perry Wall are not to be sniffed at. General Gilchrist is generally not credited with being much in the race, but even he has strong support which may develop unexpectedly as the campaign progresses.

**Has Been Permanently Cured—**  
Lakeland Telegram: Colonel Herbert L. Anderson, of Jacksonville, the only well-authenticated member of Mr. Roosevelt's Bull Moose party in Florida, says that "Bryan is hoisted and spured for the presidency." Mr. Bryan has been booted out of his hopes in that direction so frequently that the most vigorous spurring of his ambition could never induce him to enter that race again. He has been permanently cured of office-seeking at the hands of the American people. He was close enough to the presidency while in the cabinet to be disillusioned as to the charms and glories of that great office, with its grandeur, honors and almost terrifying responsibilities, and we don't doubt that his presidential ambitions are dead and buried. The care-free life of the struggling apostle and pragmatist for him hereafter the primrose path of the Chautauqua circuit.

**Back-Pedaling—**  
Ocala Banner: The more Mr. Bryan writes the more he says that the president has been strictly neutral. The more he showers praise on the president the more anomalous he makes his own position, and the less likely are we for his resigning.

The distinguished former secretary devoted two days and much newspaper space following his resignation and the publication of the president's second note to Germany, feeling the public pulse. He felt it. He found that it beat in an uncertain sound. He saw the light.

He confesses that the president has been strictly neutral. He calls for the support of the president, which is all unnecessary as the press and people are solidly behind him, and have been all the time.

What is Bryan trying to give us? Why did he not stay with the president and be the Aaron in holding up his hands? What did he quit for? Ah! there's the rub!

None are so blind as those who will not see.

**Some Gratitude Due Bryan—**

Orlando Reporter-Star: Here is a belated thought about Bryan, and he is given the benefit of it because it is due him. Bryan has been before the country an active character, a continuous performer, for twenty years. Can you beat it? The silver issue of 1893 is scoffed at now as having been silly, but there never was an issue since the civil war which was so serious at the time. The writer recalls several personal conflicts to have resulted from a discussion of its merits, and he doesn't recall that people ever became so heated over any other national subject. And Bryan made the case. Then Collier's reminds us that it was due to Bryan that Wilson was nominated at Baltimore. If it hadn't been for Bryan, Champ Clark would have been the nominee and we wouldn't know what might have happened if Clark had been in the president's office during this crisis. To Bryan we owe this escape.

**Park Trammell for the Senate—**

Acadia Enterprise: Yesterday's papers brought the announcement of Governor Park Trammell for the office of United States senator to succeed N. P. Bryan. Park Trammell has many friends all over the state so when the announcement will be well-known news, though it has been known among some of his most intimate friends for several weeks that he would make the race.

While the governor has not as yet given out anything in the nature of a platform his position on most all important questions is pretty well known to the people of the state. He is not given to side-stepping any important issues and it isn't likely that any future platform declarations will add to or detract from his support to any great extent.

Political prognosticators are busy pointing out the effect Gov. Trammell's entrance into the race will have on the final outcome. It is therefore in order to get your predictor on straight and get on the job. It is the opinion of this paper that Mr. Trammell has spoiled General Gilchrist's chances of yanking the toga from the shoulders of the present incumbent. The Tampa "business man" never had the slightest chance from

the beginning and will have none in the end.

The race is between Trammell and Bryan, which is to say that South Florida will furnish the next United States senator.

That's the way we see it.

**A Distant View.**

The people of Crescent City are much stirred up over the shooting at that place a few nights ago of Deputy Sheriff C. J. Hunter by William J. Newman. Both men were esteemed citizens of the town. According to the evidence at the preliminary hearing in Crescent City Saturday, Hunter was the aggressor, knocking Newman known, using brass knuckles to do so and drawing a pistol before Newman drew his; nevertheless the justice before whom the preliminary was held, refused Newman bail. A justice in such cases however, generally prefers to let a higher court assume the responsibility of giving bail.—Ocala Star.

**Jim Ray is Proud.**

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Palatkans are due to take notice of every improvement its business men are making in the presentableness of our down-town district that strangers see and by which the town is judged.

**Game Called Account of Rain.**

The baseball game last Tuesday afternoon between Hastings and Palatka was called in the 5th inning because of rain, thus preventing the big crowd from seeing the termination of what had every promise of being one of the most closely contested contests so far in the Tri-City league. There was a large crowd present.

The Palatka team will go to St. Augustine for a game on Saturday with the Saints. On Monday, with the city filled with visitors for the Fourth of July celebration, the game on the local grounds will be at 8 p. m. with Hastings. There will be but one game that day, instead of two as originally planned. The local manager takes the view that one good game will be all that the visitors will care for, because of the many other attractions of the celebration.

Thursday of next week there will be a game on the Palatka grounds with the Saints of St. Augustine.

The following is the standing of the clubs at this time.

	Won	Lost	Per Cent
Palatka	1	1	667
Hastings	1	1	500
St. Augustine	1	2	333

**Our School Finances.**

The Board of Public Instruction met in special session Wednesday to conclude the business of the scholastic year, and to prepare an estimate of funds that will be required for educational purposes for the year beginning July 1, 1915, and ending June 30, 1916. The total income of the board, estimated upon the assessed valuation will be approximately \$41,700.00; the estimated cost of maintaining the schools will be \$40,185.00 (including the payment of \$9,500.00 outstanding warrants) distributed as follows:

Teachers' salaries, \$27,140.00; expenses of administration, \$2,200.00; building, repairs, equipment, transportation, interest, etc. \$8,325.00. A law enacted by the last legislature, effective July 1, 1915, prohibits Boards of Public Instruction borrowing in excess of 80 per cent of the amount estimated for the ensuing year, and requires the payment in full of all borrowed money before the end of the school year. This will necessitate extreme care in disbursing school funds in future. The school debt, which amounted to \$5,500.00 on June 30, 1914, has been reduced \$2,000.00 during the past year.

**An Old Citizen Dies.**

George Wilkinson, an old and highly esteemed citizen of Federal Point, died on Tuesday afternoon of typhoid fever. The body was prepared for burial by Mooney & Davis of this city and the funeral was held at his home the following day.

Mr. Wilkinson was an aged man and was well-known in this city, to which he has made weekly or semi-weekly visits for many years. He was a florist by profession and occupation. His rose garden at his home was the admiration of all the people here and it is during the tourist season daily pilgrimages were made by people stopping at our hotels. Mr. Wilkinson raised roses as a means of livelihood, but they were also his passion. He loved them; he communed with them; he knew the language of flowers. Very many here will remember his weekly visits, especially on Saturdays when he came to the city with his baskets laden with roses and other flowers.

He was a good man; how could he be otherwise and live among his flowers? He was a studious man. One who knew him intimately and who purchased flowers of him regularly, said he never saw Mr. Wilkinson but that laying at the bottom of his flower basket was some book.

He will be missed in Palatka. He leaves a wife and several sons and daughters, grown to manhood and womanhood. Mr. Wilkinson was a native of Sheffield, England, and was upwards of 70 years of age. It is rare that a man of his years contracts typhoid. Requiescat in pace, old man, and may your spirit live forever among the flowers you loved.

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